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I. PROGRESS IS OUR MOST IMPORTANT PRODUCT

Mars must color all our thoughts these days. Any day, Viking I will land on Chryse Planitia. Survive or perish, a landmark will have been established on the road of the Space Revolution. The understandings we have gained from the first photographs Viking has provided are sufficient to turn our previous understandings inside-out. When the Spacer Population realizes the full power of the cumulative nature of the Space Revolution, then spacers will realize the full power inherent in themselves. It is our task to sustain, when we cannot stimulate, the Space Revolution until that moment of understanding occurs. To fulfill this purpose is the purpose of our delegations to MIDAMERICON and CHRYSE-1.

As we have said in past issues, the primary task we face making initial preparations for the first Convocation of Space Enthusiasts is the creation of durable and productive contacts with other spacer organizations while we seek to learn about as many such groups as we can. We have also reported periodically the slowness associated with this effort. The past few weeks, however, have brought remarkable progress. We do not by any means have a representative sample of spacer organizations; we do not by any means have the co-operative effort preparing for CHRYSE desired and vital for its full success. Yet we do possess a list which covers a wide portion of the spectrum of spacer organizations; and we do have the beginnings of the foundation for the steering committee of CHRYSE-1.

These are the groups of which we know:

Space Now Society
1601 N. Main St. Suite 203
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Forum for the Advancement of Students
in Science and Technology, Inc.
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20036

The Network
P.O. Box 317
Berkeley, CA 94701

International Committee for a
New Planet (c/o Glide)
330 Ellis Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

American Astronautical Society
6060 Duke Street
Alexandria, VI 22304

International Society of Free
Space Colonizers
P.O. Box 9743
Seattle, WA 98109

Phoenix Foundation
1021 California Ave.
Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Earth/Space
2319 Sierra
Palo Alto, CA 94303

United Futurist Association
P.O. Box 17059
San Diego, CA 92117

World Future Society
P.O. Box 30369
Washington, DC 20014

L-5 Society
1620 North Park Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85719

We have only good information about three or four of the above named groups. We hope to obtain solid information concerning goals, membership, history, projects and so on of these groups in the near future. When this data has been gathered, we will publish a supplemented listing. There can be little question that these eleven organizations are but the tip of the spacer iceberg. The nation is extensive in time and space. The catalyzed formation of spacer organizations has begun in the recent past. Isolation is not uncommon. If we concentrate upon discovering the existence of a large proportion of these groups, we will undertake task which could speed the Revolution if

successfully completed. Unity for space means more than the vain unity of the individual person or organization gathering as much support as it can from the Spacer Population. Each group must foster ties with others. Each organization must create links with fellow groups if the Space Revolution is occur at anything more than a snail's pace. Many of us are young and can afford a leisurely pace. But many others are not. None can do else than benefit from a rapid expansion into space.

Excellent opportunites exist for discovery of the depth of the Spacer Population. Recently, Jeff Bytof of Cardiff-by-the-Sea read of U.F.O.E.S.P. in the L-5 News printed by the L-5 Society and became an actove member. Jeff is assistant papers chairman for the annual convention of the Western Amateur Astronomers and suggested that U.F.O.E.S.P. present an information booth at this year's convention in San Marcos, California. The convention will number 300 or so people and will honor Sir Patrick Moore, a well-known British astronomer. Many professional astonomers, astrophysicists, and astronautical scientists will attend the WAA convention along with the amateur star-gazers. The Board decided this convention would be an excellent opportunity to meet important personages of the Space Revolution as well as a chance to practice the presentation we will need for Midamericon. The convention is being held from August 18 through 21. It is not expected that the organization will recruit many individuals or sell much literature. However, the Board is convinced that many useful contacts will be made, much support for CHRYSE will be gained, and a broader perspective and richer understanding of the hard facts of the Space Revolution will be learned.

But as marvelous as this unforeseen opportunity is, it is not isolated in its sudden development. Some weeks ago correspondence between U.F.O.E.S.P. and FASST (the Forum for the Advancement of Students in Science and Technology, Inc.) was initiated. Just recently we learned that FASST and the American Institute of Astronautical Sciences are sponsoring a one-day conference to be held October 8 in Pasadena, California at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. This conference will focus on the Search For Life in the Solar System and project engineers and scientists from the Viking Project will be in attendance. Furthermore, an astronaut is scheduled on the program. This event will bring the Board into contact with some of the central elements of the Space Revolution. NASA will participate in this conference, lending its immense presence to maturing push for colonization of the Solar System. Our policy is simple: build and build and build until we die in the stars.

These two space events bracket our favorite extravaganza: the 34th World Science-Fiction Convention (Kansas City, Missouri; Sept. 2-6). All space revolutionaries have given thought to picturesque scenes of the future. It is no secret that the imagery for much of these fantastic scenarios was provided by science-fiction: the space stations, the lunar bases, the Mars Colonies, the Asteroid Belt Mining Companies, Pluto's reefs of space, messages from the nearest stars, life on other worlds, instant communication to name only a few such images. Anyone who has experienced the activities of active science-fiction fans knows the dedication, commitment, organization, initiative exhibited freely by them. This convention will mark the Golden Anniversary, the 50th Anniversary of modern science-fiction (which is reckoned to begin with the publication of the April 1926 issue of Amazing Stories, published til this day). Robert Heinlein, premier genre author, is the guest of honor. Midamericon is expected to be the largest s-f convention ever and is expected to have attendance in excess of seven-thousand people. Every major author, screen-writer, editor, publisher, dealer, artist, amateur, professional associated with science-fiction will be in attendance or send a representative. Every effort is being made by the convention committee to make Midamericon the ULTIMATE science-convention: the largest masquerade ball, special publications (the Program Book being an eight and one half inch by eleven inch hardback volume in color), closed circuit television (live) of all the convention activities, special displays, most complete art show, etc etc etc. No matter what notice U.F.O.E.S.P. garners, the convention will be memorable and will create its own 'legend' among fans through time. We can only gain by associating with the energy of this gathering. There are intimidating moments of speculation among the Board when the delegation to the 34th World Science-Fiction Convention is

being prepared. Yet there is always a sharp thrill experienced as well. Our organization has suddenly been presented with a pregnant confluence of spacer happenings. If ever there was a time to throw all our resources together to insure the success of our activity at each conference or convention, that time is now. U.F.O.E.S.P. is gaining respect among other spacer organizations as it communicates with more of them and constructs with a few the political machinery to bring about an expanded space program. Midamericon, the JPL Conference, the WAA Convention will all solidify that respect and further the mutual projects decided upon.

The personal responsibilities of the Board have lessened in the near past so it is hoped that the preparations for these conventions can begin in earnest. Morale Booster is being emphasized but soon attention will be turned to production of the treatise Introduction to the Space Revolution. Numerous opportunities exist now for participation of the membership in work for the conventions and the Fall. It would be enormously beneficial to the Board to have simple communication with the membership on a more regular basis. Petitions will be written in a few months and ideas are always welcome. Much mutual confidence in the unfolding of the space future can be gained from simple opinion exchanges. Every spacer must overcome the natural reluctance to express openly the love he or she feels for the conquest of space experienced by those who have their prognostications and dreams ridiculed by those unable to comprehend anything more recent than the day's news. It is time to come from the simulator and take to the streets with a rising demand for space exploration. This transition can be best endured by developing close communications among spacers in all parts of the country, in all walks of like, of all ages. There is nothing shameful about support for a program which promises enormous mundane and esoteric benefits. As long as spacers are shy or embarassed about their commitment to space, so long will their ideas and desires be taken lightly and frivously.

Next year there will more conferences, more expressions of the new self-awareness of space revolutionaries. The Board is reserving the months from the JPL Conference to the New Year as a time for discussion and decision of the directions U.F.O.E.S.P. should pursue to build the space experience. We hope to be able to undertake some political action less sedate than our Petitions. The time for frenzy is not yet come, yet our precise reasoning, calm exposition, detailed documentation of the Space Revolution carries their deadening effects. Once the organization stands secure and broadly experienced more impassioned endeavors can be activated. Excitement, emotion, electricity need to be generated for expansion into space. Let us take the next three months and establish the ideological basis for that excitement and electricity!

II. ***Stimulus/Response: August 7-8, 1976***

"I was surprised and angry to receive your letter (with keys enclosed) from Sydney dated 23rd February, in which you ask me to regularly clear a private box number 137 at Clayton Post Office and to forward the mail to your California address.

"I am not prepared to clear this box and have handed the keys of the box to the Postmaster at Clayton. To recover the mail for your [organization] you must contact him and authorize him to forward the mail to you.

"You have mistaken my politeness for interest in your [organization] called 'U.F.O.E.S.P. Far Centaurus'. I did not express any wish to join it at our single meeting at Monash University and you do not have my permission to make me a member.

I wish you and [Ms. Strickler] well in the future but do not wish to receive any correspondence from you on the subject of the [organization].". . .Joseph Zajda, Russian Department--Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168 Australia./ We do not quote this letter because we think the readers need a psychological jolt; nor do we print it out of a sense of heightened political propriety (no attempt to avoid charges of 'coverup' is to be inferred). Rather, the letter illustrates some lessons relevant to our work of recruitment and propaganda for the Space Revolution. There is no need to relate all the details prior to this letter but some outline would be useful to put

the matter in perspective. As the membership knows, in February of this year the President and Treasurer ventured to Australia. They returned to the United States unexpectedly soon after their arrival but not before they had established a post office box for U.F.O.E.S.P. (Far Centaurus Chamber). This post office box was, naturally, the first business of the President and Treasurer upon their arrival in Australia. For without a certain headquarters proper communications with the membership could not be maintained. When the President and Treasurer abruptly left for the United States, they had to decide what to do about the post office box (having rented it for over a year [at a rate one-half the current one in the U.S.]). Their choices resolved into two alternatives: entrust the keys and responsibility to a personal friend in Sydney (400 miles from the address) or to Mr. Zajda who worked in Clayton and whose politeness had included enthusiasm and perceptivity about the work U.F.O.E.S.P. was doing. Many attempts were made to reach him before we left (four or five times on two days prior to our departure). Unable to reach him, we decided on the plane from Melbourne to Sydney to take a chance: the keys were posted to Zajda from Sydney International Airport.

So much for the facts. How are they to be interpreted? Their meaning relates to our remark that it is time for spacers to come out of the simulator and take to the streets. Psychologically, the most salient factor to such a process of declaration of interest is the vulnerability to embarassment intrinsic to the process. For most of every spacer's life the visions, speculations, and dreams of space voiced by the spacer were met with apathy or, more commonly, disbelief, cynicism, or disdain. To declare openly for space, to work in the common, everyday world for space with the typical contacts which arise in such a mundane world, is not only to realize the exhiliration and ideological strength created by hearing other voices make this declaration and by knowing that one's own voice is similarly heard by others, but is also to become the focus and recipient for the jibes, snides, scornful asides of the ignorant and apathetic. This is the bone which sticks in our craw but which must be successfully swallowed if we are ever to exercise power in the Space Revolution. If we do not commit ourselves to exploring completely, assuming stronger interests and intelligence in others occasionally than is always prudent, and trusting in the added skills, resources, and strengths growing from open unity for space to counterbalance easily the wounds of public political battle, then we will never do more than toy with absractions as a small coterie on the fringes of the Revolution. Not the speediest way to leave the planet!

There is a happy ending. The Far Centaurus Chamber is not without hope for revitalization. The second alternative (giving responsibility for the post office box to the personal friend in Sydney) is being actively pursued at this date and appears headed for success. Furthermore, a more substantial stimulant looms on the horizon: Midamericon and a (possible) reunion of Aussiecon (33rd World Science-Fiction Convention) attendees. This second possibility will be discussed at length in next month's "Progress Is Our Most Important Product". For the moment we can say that the lessons to be learned are worth more than the temporary impediment. Oh yes, Mr. Zajda was written and informed of our views on the "anger" and "politeness" of his situation. Politely, of course.

"This letter is intended as an introduction to you of both FASST and myself. I am including information on FASST and its programs which, I hope, you will find of interest.

"I am very interested in your organization, perhaps to the extent of cooperating on future programs for student involvement in the near future. I would deeply appreciate any information you could provide on the scope of your activities and what you hope you organization can do to develop an awareness to the utilization of space.

"By coincidence, I will be visiting the San Diego area in late June of this year. Perhaps we could meet at that time? FASST has a number of programs which may be of interest to you, many of them directly involving the future of space exploration and application.

"In the meantime, I will be most happy to answer any questions you may have. I look forward to hearing from you soon and meeting you in San Diego.". . ."It was with great pleasure that we received your letter of April 26, 1976. The Board has read (and re-read) your literature and letter. We find your work to be very interesting and think that your organization is doing a great service to the Space Revolution.

"We are enclosing 3 issues of Morale Booster, a Petition to the People's Representatives, and a doorsticker proclaiming SPACE IS THE PLACE. These are examples of our work and should give you much useful information about our goals, tactics, and history.

"We are elated to hear that you will be visiting the West Coast in June. We would very much like to meet with you. Unfortunately, the Board of Governors no longer has any members located in San Diego. However, the President and Treasurer are established in Isla Vista. . .which is northwest of Santa Barabara. . .The Santa Barbara airport is conveniently located near Isla Vista. Thus, we could easily transport ourselves to San Diego or you could easily transport yourself to Isla Vista. . .

"We are looking forward to hearing from you again soon. We direct you to our literature, particularly the articles entitled 'Progress. . .' Meanwhile

"SPACE IS THE PLACE!"

"Yes, I still live on. And no, I have not either forgotten you nor abandoned the goals we've taken as our own. FLASH! If you do not have the Spring 1976 copy of Co-evolution Quarterly, GET it! Send $1.50 to CEQ, P.O. Box No. 428, Sausalito, Ca. 94965. You will not regret it as it has a great deal of data on space settlement. One of the scouts (of which you would be surprised at the No.) who I know and who has listened to me expound on ESPUFO (is that a type of coffee?) told me about it.". . .Tom Bahr, 1282 Lake Drive Road, Rural Route 3 (Clear Lake), Sedro-Woolley, WA 98284./ Every uprising, philosophical or military, requires good intelligence which depends upon the insurrectionary forces having good, reliable scouts. Space permeates the body politic to a greater extent than most of us realize. Electronics, weather forecasts, long distance phone calls, world-wide sports broadcasts, religious cults, alternative community movements, medical practices are some of the common areas of human experience changing everyday in response to space. We need to be constantly on the alert for information about space, products from the space program, diverse forums of interest in space (such as the recent interview with Dr. Gerard O'Neill in Penthouse). We need to pursue these leads when we can but it is more important for knowledge of these things to be communicated amongst one another, especially the Board of Governors. In any event, it is good to see the articles on space actually in print in Co-evolution Quarterly. I can remember very distinctly during the coverage of the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project last summer Stewart Brand, the editor of CEQ, being interviewed on a morning news program and telling of this special on space to be published in CEQ in the future. Everyday, new groups, unexpected sources, and growing numbers cast their attention to space and its uses for humanity. Reliable scouts are invaluable in bringing these original factors to the attention of the organization and membership. A grapevine for space!

"It's so exciting that we're landing on Mars! And we met a fellow who had a vague connection (once, not presently) with NASA's space shuttle preliminary plans. At one time they sent him some blueprints to check over--naturally I told him about UFOESP but he does not believe we will ever get into space colonization! Nonetheless, I gave him a bumpersticker and hope he runs into a UFO or a Martian someday soon!" . . .Jes Hinrichs, 750 Stratford Drive, Encinitas CA 92024./ Undoubtedly the fellow will run into a Martian someday for within our lifetimes colonies will be established on Mars. It is significant to us that this individual, a former associate (however casual) of NASA, who does not see the inevitability of expansion into outer space. If a person such as this can be cynical, should we wonder at the timidity of publicity experienced by the average spacer? We must not underestimate the power of thousands of years of human history which sum has accorded only ridicule for the dreamers of

space. The Viking missions will provide surprises beyond our wildest expectations, no matter whether life is discovered or not. A totally alien world will be open to our limited view. In days our ideas about that world will be turned inside-out. The discoveries to be made should provide impetus and inspiration for our political work this Fall. The nation's people are not without their imaganation and national pride and Vikings I and II will provide many stimulants to both.

Dear Space People,
Please send me 2 1/2 doorstickers (Space is the Place). Enclosed is my check for $1.00.
Thank you.

Laurel Stevens, 307 Loyola Drive, Santa Barbara CA 93109. . ./ The response to our advertisements in The Magazine of Fantasy and Science-Fiction has not been overwhelming but it has been consistent. The push into space will be built upon millions of little acts of commitment such as this order for 2+ doorstickers. Naturally, we would like thousands of orders coming in. But each individual request, alone, unconnected to any others, is a solid particle added to the foundation of the Space Revolution. It is our task to provide steady force to the quarry of the Spacer Population to chip away constantly, providing more and more of these bits for the foundation of the human assault on space. Some chips will be bigger than others; all support the Revolution.

III. If World War Three Stays Nuclear Free, We'll Get To The Moon Just Fine (Conclusion)

With the backdrop of War behind us, it is time to turn attention to the Space Revolution and its relation to the Planet-Wide War. The most important characteristic of the Space Revolution is its pacific, though no less energetic, nature. Men and women "assault" the stars in order to "conquer" space but the assault and conquest take place in such an alien area and the terms of battle are so intellectual that the action is more metaphorical than military. We can speak with confidence of space being, in a sense, impervious to war because of the Revolution's peaceful character. Large numbers of disciplined, highly trained, and precisely commanded people are necessary for the Space Revolution. But the ends towards which these individuals strive is not destruction but understanding. Furthermore, though the tools of the trade are similar in many respects to the weapons of war they often resemble and not without their intrinsic destructive aspects, the rocketships, satellites, planetary probes, radio observatories, computers, and the many other components of the Space Revolution's arsenal are aimed for a Void already present rather than designed to create one where none exists.

Perhaps a more basic consideration underlying the pacific nature of the Space Revolution is space itself. Even if space colonization schemes such as those of Gerard O'Neill and his followers are assumed to be blueprints for the future, the volume of Outer Space is many orders of magniture greater than the procreative powers of the human species. True, mathematical games can be played which demonstrate the contrary but we are not concerned here with mathematical games but with practical circumstances. And it is common knowledge that the focus of space colonization, even if the colonies are constructed in space rather than on worlds, will be celestial objects since it is they which provide the energy and material resources needed to sustain colonization and not the Vacuum. Space is vast, vaster than the human mind can conceive, let alone comprehend. The shortest route between two points may or may not be a straight line (or geodesic) but it is never a short one in human terms. Whatever warlike intentions one group of humans may harbor against another in space, the distances to be traversed, the harshness of the conditions throughout the Solar System and near Sol neighborhood, the prior history of co-operation associated with the Space Revolution (we see it building today), as well as the presence of more than enough places to hide

from disagreeable sorts are likely to be sufficient to prevent violence and strife from becoming institutionalized. If war were a personal, random matter there is no question that leaving Earth for Moon, Mars, Titan, or Ceres would simply to transfer conflict from one place to another. But war is highly structured, impersonal, directed, and institutionalized; it is not personal or random. Consequently, when transferred to alien contexts and transformed from top to bottom in its organization and nature by the environment of space and the history of the Space Revolution, war ceases to be "war". It becomes occasional, sporadic, and limited; it becomes a momentary exchange of blows and not a mechanical process of destruction of all opposition.

One final argument for the pacific quality of the Space Revolution since this article is only a brief exposition of the question. There is every reason to expect the colonization of the Solar System to be a slow process with regards to the number of people actually living off-Earth. Only a small percentage will want to leave the planet for many generations. This percentage should only be a fraction of a percentage point. Secondly, only a minority of this fraction will be acceptable (on educational, psychological, age, health and other grounds) for the space program. In the third place, only a small number of those which are acceptable will be accepted into the program due to budgetary restraints (the space program would have to expand at an astronomical rate for it to accomodate all those who want to go into space, as small as the percentage may be). Beyond the arithmetical considerations one must also take into the analysis two other important factors: the distance between worlds compared to the vehicles we have or are likely to have in the next 50 years and the harshness of these alien environments. All these points preclude the colonization of space from being a rapid and, more importantly, a dense (heavily populated) process.

Granting all of the above, one might still legitimately ask what importance any of it had since the emphasis upon war is many times greater than the emphasis upon space in this modern day and age. The annual expenditures of all nations on arms and weapons is near $280 billion per year. Only a handful of nations have any sort of space program at all while every country has an army and airforce, usually with the most modern equipment and usually of far larger size than needed. It is an open secret that most nations of the third world (two-thirds of mankind) look upon modern arsenals and armies as status symbols as much as vital resources necessary for the preservation of the nation. There is common agreement that the majority of the world's peoples view space as an exciting but essentially irrelevant aspect of modern life. Even if the Space Revolution is pacific, what makes anyone believe that this nature will have any effect whatsoever upon World War III? Why won't the Revolution simply be consumed by the War like everything else? Why should anyone believe that struggling for the Space Revolution will have any widespread positive effect on World War III?

To speak properly of the power of the Space Revolution it is necessary to speak of its potential as much as the actual permeations of its effects through society. The Space Age is not two decades old yet many aspects of modern society have been radically transformed by it. Weather forecasting, telephone and telegraph communication, computers, miniturization of electronic components, and new management techniques are all examples of major areas of human activity which have been profoundly altered by space efforts. Yet, as is well known by the moderately informed, the expenditures of the most committed nations to space are very small, both absolutely and relatively. In general, these effects have been for the benefit of people everywhere: increased communication at a more rapid rate between various nations and their leaders, improved weather forecasting with savings of millions of dollars and thousands of lives every year, more efficient modes of industrial production, geological surveys of untapped resources, crop monitoring, military intelligence serving as a deterrent to even wider war (one must remember that the levels at which World War III are currently fought are very low on the scale; there is a lot of escalation to go!), etc. If so many benefits can be realized from such small outlays, why should we not expect even greater benefits with greater outlays? If the United States' space program were to be quadrupled or quintupled, there should be no cause for surprise at a similar jump in number or value of space benefits realized.

The question of potential has another aspect. To explore and use space is to engage in activities which are very demanding technologically and fiscally. Certainly it is cheaper to make satellites, planetary probes and rocketships than it is to build aircraft carriers, tanks, airplanes and hundreds of thousands of other itmes which are never used (and scrapped within five to twenty-five years) or if used, are blown up. Nonetheless, space expenditures are not small or without staggering proportions. The cost of space exploration is one which cannot be born lightly. It is in fact so large that any nation undertaking space efforts must carefully weigh and assign priorities. If a movement could be generated, centered on nation or world makes no difference, which would actively press for expanded space programs politically and economically, pressures would be applied simultaneously to the commitment of national treasure to war and armaments. There is no qustion that there would be temptations on the military side for choosing war over space. There is no question that some countries would take that option. Yet the benefits of space exploration and exploitation cover such a broad range of political, economic, scientific, and national security factors that any nation which chose war over space would be placing itself in a vulnerable position. We must remember in this context that quadrupling or quintupling space expenditures, even if the money came entirely from military budgets, would not reduce military expenditures by three-fourths or four-fifths. In fact, the effect upon military expenses would be neglible for all practical purposes since nearly all nations spend far more on arms than they can use or need for simple defense of national interests. The reason military budgets are so large is the preparation needed for offensive warfare and not because national defense requires it.

Basically, the Space Revolution is a transferral of energy from destruction of the Earth to construction in space. An expansion of resources committed to space would drain resources from the commitment to war. Simultaneously, resources committed to space would realize benefits that couldn't possibly be realized by war and thus these space commitments will serve as a magnet for more resources to be put towards the conquest of space. We are presented with a double-edged sword, so to speak: on the one edge, war is chopped down by the benefits of space relieving the pressures which often cause conflict between nations; while on the other edge, war is sliced into pieces by the drain on material resources intrinsic to the assault on space.

For perspective, we must end on a sombre note. Underlying most of what has been said in this article has been the idea that World War III, no matter how wasteful and futile, would not prevent the realization of the Space Revolution, only slow it down some at most. It remains to expose this idea for what it is: a hope, a dream, an optimistic assumption about world developments. World War III now is waged at conventional levels. Nuclear weapons added to the conflict change calculations considerably. Though the use of a few atomic bombs on one of the major fronts of the War would not necessarily bring any catastrophic consequences for the world as a whole, the use of more than a few such weapons by more than one or two nations would be another matter. It is to this fact that the title of this article refers. The expectation is that the world five or ten years from now will be more or less the same one it is today. However, the possibility of large-scale (to be distinguished from small-scale) nuclear weapons use during the near future is not one so remote as to give comfort to anyone. We must, in fact, be prepared for the worst since the worst is in no way impossible or out of the question. Here, in this awareness, lies the final reason for believing that the Space Revolution can help to stop World War III. For the best hope of relief from the War is the Space Revolution; and one cannot work for the Revolution well if one does not believe that such struggle will help to stop the slaughter before everyone is consumed. It is the good fortune of the space revolutionary that this belief is not idle, empty, unfounded, or illusory. Colonize Mars, stop the War!

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

Almost exactly one month has expired since my last report. The Treasury has been

active in both the concrete and abstract. There was a sizable donation for convention expenses plus two orders for doorstickers added to a passive-becoming-active member's dues on the credit side of the ledger. Expenses were postage, copyright fees, and printing costs. There is considerable (though modest to be assured) difference between the two and that which remains totals $278.96.

The $290 contribution (by a donor who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being) was given for convention expenses by the organization. Hopefully this money will cover the costs of hotel room, food, and some transportation. Since there is a convention next week to which U.F.O.E.S.P. is sending representatives, this money is likely to be used up well before all the convention costs have been tallied. I wish to take this moment to enter my usual plea for money--if anyone out there has any money he or she wishes to donate to our cause, please don't hesitate--now is the time to send it to us. As I said last month, we have so many good ideas and so little capital to put them into being. The next two months, with its three conferences, will (hopefully) bring U.F.O.E.S.P.'s finances into better condition. We hope for many new members to be gleaned from these conferences. There are so many spacers out there. We need to unite them all. We heard on the radio news this week that 8,000 Star Trek fans gathered in Los Angeles for a convention. That's a lot of people! There are so many small groups and their dedication to space is as great as ours. It is our hope to make U.F.O.E.S.P. become well known; it is our hope to bring all these individuals and groups under one umbrella organization--united for space. CHRYSE-1 is getting much attention in our correspondence these days, and that may be the moment when the Space Revolution really begins to make steam.

So the report is that the Treasury is solvent and that is always nice to report. That is the Concrete Treasury. The Abstract Treasury is also solvent. The plans for CHRYSE-1 are not our only treasures. We also have our modest plans for the WAACon this coming week. And we have such pleasant anticipation in the upcoming conference at JPL. One of our passive members became active in the past month and that is always a boost, for when someone changes to the more active category it is spirit-lifting. Not to mention the sale of a Space Is The Place doorsticker....

We progress. Slowly it seems, but the progress in itself is important, whether it goes slowly or not. We know there are many spacers out there just waiting for a place to make their voices heard. U.F.O.E.S.P. has been developing over the past months to become just such an opportunity for their talents to be used. We are getting ready for the conferences. We hope to blast off in the next two months. As the President has said in the past, remember that while anything can happen in the future, something <u>will</u> happen. Let's make it U.F.O.E.S.P. skyrocketing up and out.

----The Board of Governors, U.F.O.E.S.P.